

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

- 1 1. An improved clipboard comprising:
2 a planar board member having a front face, a rear face, a pair of
3 side edges, a top end, a bottom end and at least one slot passing
4 through the planar board member, adjacent the top end;
5 a clamping mechanism having a clamping element with at least
6 one paper clamp, a holding element and at least one biasing element;
7 and
8 the clamping element being mounted adjacent the rear face of the
9 planar board member with the at least one paper clamp penetrating
10 through the at least on slot from the rear face to the front face.
- 1 2. The clipboard of claim 1 wherein the clamping element is a single
2 piece substantially rectangular plate having at least one clamp
3 extending from a top surface thereof and at least one clamping arm.
- 1 3. The clipboard of claim 2 wherein the clamping element has a pair
2 of laterally spaced clamps and a pair of clamping arms with an aperture
3 formed between the clamping arms.
- 1 4. The clipboard of claim 3, further including a spring channel formed
2 in the clamping element for holding the at least one biasing element
3 and a handle formed in the planar board member.
- 1 5. The clipboard of claim 1 wherein the clamping element has a pair
2 of laterally spaced clamps and the planar board member has a pair of
3 laterally spaced slots that conform to the configuration of the pair of
4 clamps.

- 1 6. The clipboard of claim 5, further including a pair of holding
2 elements secured to the rear face of the planar board member and
3 cooperating with a pair of clamping arms, and wherein the clamping
4 element has a spring channel formed therein.
- 1 7. The clipboard of claim 6 wherein the holding elements include
2 openings to serve as seats for coiled springs and a handle is formed in
3 the planar board member.
- 1 8. The clipboard of claim 1 wherein the planar board member has a
2 plurality of notches on the side edges thereof, adjacent the bottom end.
- 1 9. The clipboard of claim 1 wherein the clamping element and the
2 holding element are formed as one piece.
- 1 10. The clipboard of claim 9 wherein the clamping element has a pair
2 of laterally spaced paper clamps and the planar board member has a
3 pair of laterally spaced slots that conform to the configuration of the
4 paper clamps.
- 1 11. The clipboard of claim 10, further including a writing implement
2 holder integrally formed with the holding element; the writing
3 implement holder extending over the top end of the planar board
4 member.
- 1 12. The clipboard of claim 11, further including a spring channel in
2 the clamping element for holding the at least one biasing element and a
3 handle formed in the planar board member.

1 13. The clipboard of claim 1 wherein the clamping element and the
2 holding element are formed as separate substantially rectangular
3 elements.

1 14. The clipboard of claim 13 wherein the clamping element has a pair
2 of laterally spaced paper clamps and the planar board member has a
3 pair of laterally spaced slots that conform to the configuration of the
4 paper clamps.

1 15. The clipboard of claim 14, further including a writing implement
2 holder integrally formed with the holding element; which writing
3 implement holder extends over the top end of the planar board member.

1 16. The clipboard of claim 15, further including a spring channel
2 formed in the clamping element for holding the at least one biasing
3 element and a handle formed in the planar board member.

1 17. A clipboard comprising:
2 a planar board member having a front face, a rear face, a pair of
3 side edges, a top end, a bottom end and at least one slot passing
4 through the planar board member, adjacent the top end;
5 a clamping mechanism having a clamping element with at least
6 one paper clamp formed as one piece with a holding element, and at
7 least one biasing element; and
8 the clamping element being mounted adjacent the rear face of the
9 planar board member with the at least one paper clamp penetrating
10 through the at least one slot from the rear face to the front face.

1 18. The clipboard of claim 17 wherein the clamping mechanism is a
2 substantially rectangular plate having a top end and a bottom end, a
3 pair of laterally spaced paper clamps, a spring channel extending

4 between the pair of laterally spaced paper clamps for holding the at
5 least one biasing element, and a cylindrical channel extending along a
6 width of the rectangular plate top end to form a writing implement
7 holder, and a handle formed in the planar board member.

1 19. A clipboard comprising

2 a planar board member having a front face, a rear face, a pair of
3 side edges, a top end, a bottom end and at least one slot passing
4 through the planar board member, adjacent the top end;

5 a clamping mechanism having a clamping element with at least
6 one paper clamp, a separate holding element, and at least one biasing
7 element; and

8 the clamping element and the holding element being mounted
9 adjacent the rear face of the planar board member with the at least one
10 paper clamp penetrating through the at least one slot from the rear face
11 to the front face.

1 20. The clipboard of claim 19 wherein the clamping element is a
2 substantially rectangular plate with a top end and a bottom end, a pair
3 of laterally spaced paper clamps and a spring channel extending
4 between the pair of laterally spaced paper clamps for holding the at
5 least one biasing element; and the holding element is a substantially
6 rectangular plate with a cylindrical channel extending along a width of
7 a top end of the rectangular plate to form a writing implement holder;
8 and a handle is formed in the planar board member.